



CALIFORNIA CHILD WELFARE COUNCIL



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To All Californians:

We are pleased to submit the 2012-13 Annual Report of the California Child Welfare Council pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 16540. The Council is an advisory body that is responsible for improving the collaboration and processes of multiple agencies and courts that serve children and youth in the child welfare system. The Council is required to monitor and report to the Governor, Legislature, Judicial Council and the public the extent to which child welfare programs and the courts are responsive to the needs of children in their joint care.

During this past Fiscal Year, the Council considered a number of critical issues including emerging developments in data integration that can provide social workers and the courts with essential information to work effectively with families and the progress of federal child welfare financing reform. The Council also considered recommendations for improvements in ensuring timely access to needed services, awarding partial educational credits to foster children who transfer schools mid-semester and serving child victims of commercial sexual exploitation. The reports and recommendations related to these topic areas may be found on the Council's website at <http://www.chhs.ca.gov/initiatives/CACChildWelfareCouncil/Pages/default.aspx>.

We welcome feedback from the public at any time. Please direct your comments and questions to CWCouncil@chhs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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